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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in parent application Serial Nos. 08/612,973 and 08/928,017. The Office Action of June 30, 2004 indicates that certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application Nos. 08/612,973 and 08/928,017 however the Office Action does not indicate that all certified copies have been received. The Examiner is requested to "tick" the "All" box confirming that all copies have been received. A similar request was made in the Remarks of the Amendment filed April 14, 2004.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of July 15, 2005, however, as the above indicated and requested item has not been received from the Patent Office to date, the applicants believe it timely to make such a request at the

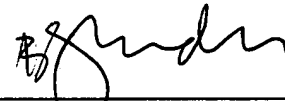
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present time, as the Office Action of July 15, 2005 may be considered incomplete without such requested acknowledgement .

Respectfully submitted,

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